formation system at all levels of planning and decision-making for systematic formulation, implementation and monitoring of Urban Development Plans in the country;

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Urban and Regional Information System would consist of two separate but inter-acting sub-systems, namely Urban Information System at the Central level and Regional Information System at Regional level. It is being designed to process a large number of significant urban development indicators relating to physical, social, geographical, economic, ecological, demographic, employment, financial and environmental aspects. The System envisages effective computerised storage, retrieval, analysis and display of the date according to the user-base specifications at all levels of planning and decision making. The System will be maintained at two levels. At the National level, the Town and Country Planning Organisation, an advisory body of this Ministry, would be the 'national focal point' to coordinate and collect the data. At the State level, it is proposed to have State level 'focal points' with similar responsibility, covering both the urban and regional aspects. The System is likely to become functional in 1987-88, after the completion of two pilot studies on Urban Information System undertaken by the Town and Country Planning Organisation.

Gold Mines in the Country

420. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of gold mines have recently been located in various parts of the country;

(b) what are the names of the places where gold deposits have been located since 1st January, 1986 to 31st January, 1987; and

(c) what is the estimated quantity of gold likely to be extracted from each mine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) No new gold mines have recently been located in the country. However, gold exploration since 1st January, 1986 to 31st January, 1987 has been conducted in Sudda area, Sidhi district, M.P., and regional surveys in parts of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and in the Siwalik belt of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Jammu. The work is in progress.

(c) The estimated quantity of gold likely to be extracted would depend on the detailed work and also on the techno-economic viability of each prospect.

Complaints of adulteration of foodgrains against shopkeepers

421. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies about adulteration of food and foodgrains by the dealers and shop keepers of fair price shops during the years 1985 and 1986; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Since the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are primarily responsible for the organisation and administration of the Public Distribution System in their respective areas, all complaints including those regarding adulteration of food and foodgrains sold through fair price shops are forwarded by the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies to the State Governments/Union Territory